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**FROM: Ann M. Ver Heul, Legal Counsel, Legislative Services Agency**

**RE: Background Information**

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**Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)**

**Federal Program.** LIHEAP is a federally funded block grant program administered by the Administration for Children and Families of the United States Department of Health and Human Services. A block grant is an amount of federal funds that is awarded to a state or local governing agency, based on a formula, to be spent for a broadly defined purpose with relatively few restrictions. This allows the state or local agency receiving the funds to target expenditure of the funds and design administrative mechanisms to effectuate the purposes of the program.<sup>1</sup>

LIHEAP block grant funds are allocated to all 50 states and the District of Columbia pursuant to formulas based on each area's residential energy or heating expenditures and heating degree days. In applying for a LIHEAP grant, a state must meet the application requirements set out in federal law. The primary purpose of the program is to assist low-income households with the payment of residential heating costs.<sup>2</sup>

LIHEAP also includes emergency contingency funds which the President may request Congress to appropriate to meet additional home energy assistance needs of one or more states that arise from a natural disaster or other emergency.<sup>3</sup> Recently, state LIHEAP directors urged President Bush to release emergency funds to pay cooling costs resulting from this summer's heat wave.<sup>4</sup>

**State Program.** In Iowa, LIHEAP is administered by the Bureau of Energy Assistance, Division of Community Action Agencies, of the Iowa Department of Human Rights.<sup>5</sup>

The Division of Community Action Agencies is overseen by the Iowa Commission on Community Action Agencies, which is comprised of nine members who are appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate, and serve three-year terms. By law, one-third of the commission's members must be elected officials; one-third must be representatives of business, industry, labor, religious, welfare, and educational organizations, or other major interest groups; and one-third must have incomes at or below poverty level.<sup>6</sup>

The Division of Community Action Agencies works with a network of 18 community action agencies to administer a variety of programs, including LIHEAP and the Weatherization Program. Community action agencies serve all 99 counties in the state and are primarily nonprofit organizations that network with other local organizations to serve low-income, elderly, and disabled residents. The local organizations receive funding from federal, state, and local public and private sources.<sup>7</sup>

The Bureau of Energy Assistance of the Division of Community Action Agencies administers LIHEAP for the purposes of assisting qualifying low-income Iowa households with a portion of their residential heating costs for the winter heating season, encouraging regular utility payments, promoting energy awareness, and encouraging reduction of energy usage through energy efficiency, client education, and weatherization.<sup>8</sup>

Eligibility for LIHEAP is determined pursuant to state income guidelines based on income and the size of the household. Applications are accepted on a first come/first served basis at local community action agency offices. A household that is eligible for LIHEAP is also automatically eligible for weatherization services.<sup>9</sup>

**Iowa's Outreach and Targeting Study.** In 2000, the Division of Community Action Agencies retained a consultant to study how LIHEAP could enroll more low-income households, particularly those with high-priority recipients such as the lowest income households, households with children age six or younger, households with elderly members (defined in Iowa as age 60 or older), and households with disabled members. The resulting study, entitled *Outreach Strategies for Iowa LIHEAP Program: Innovation in Improved Targeting*, recommended using a joint application for multiple programs including LIHEAP and targeting outreach efforts to recipients of benefits from other programs for low-income households. The study also recommended allowing entities other than community action agencies, such as public schools, child care resource and referral centers, child support enforcement agencies, and faith-based organizations, to disseminate information about LIHEAP and take applications for the program, and increasing administrative support to such nontraditional outreach entities.<sup>10</sup>

**Iowa Law.** Chapter 216A, subchapter 6, governs the Division of Community Action Agencies of the Iowa Department of Human Rights. There are also administrative rules governing LIHEAP.<sup>11</sup>

For federal fiscal year 2006-2007, the General Assembly appropriated over \$34.5 million of anticipated federal funding for LIHEAP in the state. This appropriation specified that up to 15 percent of the amount appropriated be used for residential weatherization or other related home repairs for low-income households; up to 10 percent of the remainder be allocated to LIHEAP's administrative expenses; and not more than 5 percent be used for assessment and resolution of energy problems, such as assisting low-income households in negotiating payment plans with utilities.<sup>12</sup>

For state fiscal year 2005-2006, the General Assembly made a supplemental appropriation from the State General Fund of over \$2.8 million to LIHEAP, authorized the unused funding to carry forward to the next state fiscal year, and requested the Legislative Council to authorize this interim study committee to review the issues set forth in the committee charge.<sup>13</sup>

## **Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP)**

**Federal Program.** WAP is a federal grant program that was established in the United States Department of Energy in 1976 to help reduce the heating and cooling costs of low-income persons, especially the elderly, disabled, and children, by improving the energy efficiency of their homes.<sup>14</sup> The program finances the installation of energy efficiency measures in the homes of qualifying households free of charge by weatherization service providers. The federal program provides funding and technical guidance to the states to carry out the purposes of the program but, like LIHEAP, each state administers its own weatherization program, sets eligibility standards, and selects service providers.<sup>15</sup>

**State Program.** In Iowa, WAP is administered by the Bureau of Weatherization, Division of Community Action Agencies, of the Iowa Department of Human Rights.

Pursuant to WAP, the 18 local community action agencies in the state select and oversee entities that use trained crews and contractors to install cost-effective weatherization measures in eligible households. As indicated earlier, a household that is eligible for LIHEAP is automatically eligible for weatherization services.<sup>16</sup>

Energy efficiency measures are installed in an eligible household after a computerized energy audit is performed to determine the cost-effectiveness of each measure in a dwelling. Such measures may include installing high-density wall and attic insulation; sealing doors, windows, and ducts; basic heating and cooling repairs; and education on proper use and maintenance of measures installed. Weatherization crews also test heating systems and gas appliances for carbon monoxide.<sup>17</sup>

WAP has also participated in a Baseload Reduction Program which is a partnership between utility companies and WAP to reduce electric baseload consumption in low-income homes through installation of new, energy-efficient refrigerators and freezers in those homes.<sup>18</sup>

**Iowa Law.** Like LIHEAP, WAP is administered pursuant to Iowa Code Chapter 216A, subchapter 6, which governs the Division of Community Action Agencies of the Iowa Department of Human Services. There are also administrative rules governing WAP.<sup>19</sup>

## **Attachments**

1. List of Iowa Community Action Agencies (FY 2005)
2. List of Commission on Community Action Agencies Board Members
3. Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) Fiscal Year 2006 Iowa Fact Sheet (provided by Jerry McKim, Chief, Bureau of Energy Assistance, Division of Community Action Agencies, Iowa Department of Human Rights)
4. Excerpt from State of Iowa LIHEAP Procedures Manual – FY 2007 LIHEAP Payment Matrix – provided by Jerry McKim)
5. Iowa Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program FFY 2006 Facts and Figures (provided by Jerry McKim)
6. H.F. 2734, section 33 - Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program Supplemental Appropriation (enacted 2006)
7. H.F. 2238, section 10 - Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Appropriations (enacted 2006)

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ENDNOTES

- <sup>1</sup> <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/liheap/funding/index.html> (last visited August 3, 2006).
- <sup>2</sup> <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/liheap/funding/index.html> (last visited August 3, 2006).
- <sup>3</sup> <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/liheap/funding/index.html> (last visited August 3, 2006).
- <sup>4</sup> Federal Funds Information for States and State Policy Reports, "Today's News" July 31, 2006.
- <sup>5</sup> [http://www.dcaa.iowa.gov/bureau\\_EA/index.html](http://www.dcaa.iowa.gov/bureau_EA/index.html) (last visited August 2, 2006).
- <sup>6</sup> <http://www.dcaa.iowa.gov/commission/index.html> (last visited August 2, 2006).
- <sup>7</sup> [http://www.dcaa.iowa.gov/alliowa\\_CAA/index.html](http://www.dcaa.iowa.gov/alliowa_CAA/index.html) (last visited August 9, 2006).
- <sup>8</sup> IAC 427-10.1 et seq.
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- <sup>10</sup> <http://www.liheap.ncat.org/Directors/outreach/iaotrfin.html> (last visited August 3, 2006).
- <sup>11</sup> IAC-427-10.1 et seq.
- <sup>12</sup> 2006 Iowa Acts, H.F. 2238, section 10.
- <sup>13</sup> 2006 Iowa Acts, H.F. 2734, section 33.
- <sup>14</sup> <http://www.weatherization.iowa.gov/> (last visited August 2, 2006).
- <sup>15</sup> <http://www.eere.energy.gov/weatherization/about.html> (last visited August 2, 2006).
- <sup>16</sup> [http://www.dcaa.iowa.gov/bureau\\_weath/how\\_apply.html](http://www.dcaa.iowa.gov/bureau_weath/how_apply.html) (last visited August 2, 2006).
- <sup>17</sup> [http://www.eere.energy.gov/weatherization/cfm/index.cfm/state\\_abbr=ia](http://www.eere.energy.gov/weatherization/cfm/index.cfm/state_abbr=ia) (last visited August 2, 2006).
- <sup>18</sup> <http://www.eere.energy.gov/weatherization/about.html> (last visited August 2, 2006).
- <sup>19</sup> IAC 427-5.1 et seq.

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2700 Leech Avenue  
Sioux City, IA 51106-1100  
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Counties Served: Woodbury County

Community Action of Southeast Iowa

2850 Mt. Pleasant St., Suite 108  
Burlington, IA 52061  
Ph. #: (319) 753-0193  
Counties Served: Des Moines, Henry, Lee & Louisa Counties

Community Development Dept./City of Des Moines

602 Robert D. Ray Drive  
Des Moines, IA 50309  
Ph. #: (515) 283-4180  
Counties Served: City of Des Moines only

Community Opportunities, Inc.

603 West 8th Street, P.O. Box 427  
Carroll, IA 51401-0427  
Ph. #: (712) 792-9266  
Counties Served: Audubon, Calhoun, Carroll, Dallas, Greene, Guthrie, and Sac Counties

Hawkeye Area Community Action Program

1515 Hawkeye Drive, P.O. Box 490  
Hiawatha, IA 52233  
Ph. #: (319) 393-7811  
Counties Served: Benton, Iowa, Johnson, Jones, Linn, and Washington Counties

Iowa East Central T.R.A.I.N.

500 E. 59<sup>th</sup> Street  
Davenport, IA 52807  
Ph. #: (563) 324-3236  
Counties Served: Cedar, Clinton, Muscatine, and Scott Counties

MATURA Action Corporation

203 West Adams  
Creston, IA 50801  
Ph. #: (641) 782-8431  
Counties Served: Adair, Adams, Madison, Ringgold, Taylor, and Union Counties

Mid-Iowa Community Action, Inc.

1001 S. 18th Ave.  
Marshalltown, IA 50158  
Ph. #: (641) 752-7162  
Counties Served: Hardin, Marshall, Poweshiek, Story, and Tama Counties

Mid-Sioux Opportunity, Inc.

418 Marion Street  
Remsen, IA 51050  
Ph. #: (712) 786-2001  
Counties Served: Cherokee, Ida, Lyon, Plymouth, and Sioux Counties

North Iowa Community Action Organization

218 5th St., SW, P.O. Box 1627  
Mason City, IA 50402-1627  
Ph. #: (641) 423-8993  
Counties Served: Butler, Cerro Gordo, Floyd, Franklin, Hancock, Kossuth, Mitchell, Winnebago, and Worth Counties

Northeast Iowa Community Action Corp.

305 Montgomery, P.O. Box 487  
Decorah, IA 52101  
Ph. #: (563) 382-8436  
Counties Served: Allamakee, Bremer, Chickasaw, Clayton, Fayette, Howard, and Winnishiek Counties

Operation: New View Community Action Agency

1473 Central Avenue  
Dubuque, IA 52001-4853  
Ph. #: (563) 556-5130  
Counties Served: Delaware, Dubuque, and Jackson Counties

Operation Threshold

300 West Third Street  
Waterloo, IA 50701  
Ph. #: (319) 291-2065  
Counties Served: Black Hawk, Buchanan, and Grundy Counties

Polk County Planning & Development

5885 NE 14<sup>th</sup> Street  
Des Moines, Iowa 50314  
Ph. #: (515) 875-5518  
Counties Served: Polk County only

Red Rock Area Community Action Program

1009 S. Jefferson, Suite 2  
Indianola, IA 50125  
Ph. #: (515) 961-6271  
Counties Served: Boone, Jasper, Marion, rural Polk, and Warren Counties

South Central Iowa Community Action Program

1403 NW Church Street  
Leon, IA 50144  
Ph. #: (641) 446-4155  
Counties Served: Clarke, Lucas, Monroe, Decatur, and Wayne Counties

Southern Iowa Economic Development Association

226 West Main St., P.O. Box 658  
Ottumwa, IA 52501-0658  
Ph. #: (641) 682-8741  
Counties Served: Appanoose, Davis, Jefferson, Keokuk, Mahaska, Wapello, and Van Buren Counties

Upper Des Moines Opportunity, Inc.

101 Robbins Ave., P.O. Box 519  
Graettinger, IA 51342-0519  
Ph. #: (712) 859-3885  
Counties Served: Buena Vista, Clay, Dickinson, Emmett, Hamilton, Humboldt, O'Brien, Osceola, Palo Alto, Pocahontas, Webster and Wright Counties

West Central Development Corporation

1108 8th Street, P.O. Box 709  
Harlan, IA 51537  
Ph. #: (712) 755-5135  
Counties Served: Cass, Crawford, Fremont, Harrison, Mills, Monona, Montgomery, Page, Pottawattamie, and Shelby Counties

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## Board: Commission on Community Action Agencies

Iowa Code: Iowa Code Section 216A.92A

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**Name:** Bob Knowler  
**Position:** Elected official  
**County:** Woodbury  
**Term:** 5/1/2004 - 4/30/2007  
**Succeeds:** Reappointment

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**Name:** Kathy Beauchamp  
**Position:** Business member  
**County:** Polk  
**Term:** 5/1/2005 - 4/30/2008  
**Succeeds:** Coverdale

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**Name:** Lois Eichacker  
**Position:** Community Interest Groups  
**County:** Lee  
**Term:** 5/1/2004 - 4/30/2007  
**Succeeds:** Reappointment

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**Name:** Meri McFarlane  
**Position:** Business member  
**County:** Fayette  
**Term:** 5/1/2005 - 4/30/2008  
**Succeeds:** Reappointment

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**Name:** Catherine Whitfield  
**Position:** Low income member  
**County:** Polk  
**Term:** 5/1/2004 - 4/30/2007  
**Succeeds:** Reappointment

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**Name:** Amy Peiffer  
**Position:** Low income member  
**County:** Muscatine  
**Term:** 5/1/2005 - 4/30/2008  
**Succeeds:** Beauchamp

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**Name:** Thomas Letsche

**Position:** Elected official

**County:** Plymouth

**Term:** 5/1/2006 - 4/30/2009

**Succeeds:** Reappointment

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**Name:** Carol Besch

**Position:** Low income member

**County:** Franklin

**Term:** 5/1/2006 - 4/30/2009

**Succeeds:** Wetjen-Kesterson

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**Name:** Marc Lindeen

**Position:** Elected Official

**County:** Henry

**Term:** 5/1/2006 - 4/30/2009

**Succeeds:** Reappointment

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## LOW-INCOME HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (LIHEAP) Fiscal Year 2006 Iowa Fact Sheet

### What is LIHEAP?

The Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) is a federally funded block grant administered by the Iowa Department of Human Rights/Division of Community Action Agencies. It is designed to help eligible low-income Iowa households in the payment of a portion of their non-business residential heating costs for the winter heating season. The state contracts with community action agencies throughout the state for local program delivery.

The LIHEAP payment is made directly to energy suppliers for households who heat with natural gas, electricity, liquid propane, fuel oil, wood, coal, and corn.

Five-percent of program funds are allocated under the Energy Crisis Intervention Program (ECIP). These funds can be used for emergency fuel delivery, emergency service reconnection, repair or replacement of furnace/heating system, temporary shelter, and purchase of blankets and/or heaters, fans and air conditioners.

Up to five percent of program funds may be allocated to conduct assessment and resolution activities. Such activities include: budget counseling, energy education, outside referrals, arranging deferred or budget payment plans, staying a disconnect or negotiating payments or reconnections on the behalf of clients. Other activities include improving accessibility to the program to potential clients, making home visits, traveling to alternate intake sights and providing publicity concerning availability of Energy Assistance.

Fifteen percent of program funds are transferred to the Weatherization Assistance Program.

In 2006, 89,638 households (217,894 individuals) received benefits from LIHEAP. The average assistance award was approximately \$451.

### How is LIHEAP funded?

Currently funds are received in the form of a block grant from the United States Department of Health and Human Services.

### What are the eligibility guidelines for LIHEAP?

A household applying for LIHEAP must report total household income for all persons 18 years of age and older. The household has the option to choose an income qualification period of either annual income or the past ninety (90) days.

Applications for the regular LIHEAP program will be accepted from November 1, 2005, (October 1, 2005 for the elderly and disabled) through April 15, 2006.

The total household income for an applicant must be at or below 150 percent of the 2005 federal poverty guidelines, which are listed below:

#### INCOME MAXIMUMS

Household Size	Three Month Gross Income	Annual Gross Income
1	\$ 3,588.75	\$ 14,355.00
2	4,811.25	19,245.00
3	6,033.75	24,135.00
4	7,256.25	29,025.00
5	8,478.75	33,915.00
6	9,701.25	38,805.00

For households with more than six members, add \$1,222.50 / \$4,890.00 for each additional member.

**Are there any exceptions to the guidelines?**

Residents of publicly assisted housing units who are not vulnerable to the rising cost of heat are ineligible.

**Where can LIHEAP applications be obtained?**

Citizens may apply at their local community action agency from November 1, 2005, (October 1 for elderly/disabled persons) through April 15, 2006.

**How does a household apply for LIHEAP?**

All households interested in applying for LIHEAP must fully complete the one page application. It is very important that the application be filled out completely. Application forms may be obtained from any community action agency outreach office or neighborhood center. Applications may also be obtained from the Iowa Department of Human Rights, Division of Community Action Agencies, Lucas State Office building, Des Moines, Iowa 50319 - Telephone number 515-281-4204.

Applicants must furnish their social security number, a copy of their most recent heating and electric bill and proof of the household's gross income for the past ninety days or for the past calendar year.

Completed applications need to be mailed to your local community action agency outreach office or neighborhood center, or in care of LIHEAP, Iowa Department of Human Rights, Division of Community Action Agencies, Lucas State Office Building, Des Moines, Iowa 50319.

**How is the LIHEAP award determined?**

The energy assistance award is based on the amount of the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance block grant appropriation and the number of qualifying households. The individual grant is based on household income, household size, type of primary heating fuel, type of housing, and targeting factors. Those targeting factors assure that households with the greatest need will receive the highest level of assistance.

**How are payments made?**

Payments are made to the home energy suppliers in the form of a single payment. The client's assistance shall remain as a credit on the client's account until the program assistance is expended or the account is terminated. The basic energy assistance award is to be applied to the cost of the heating source supplying the household's non-business residential primary heating fuel.

Eligible households who pay an undesignated portion of rent towards energy costs will receive assistance sent directly to the household.

The assistance award for households whose primary source of heat is wood will be forwarded to the household electric supplier if a suitable wood vendor is not available. If no electric supplier exists, a direct payment may be made.

All payments are awarded on a first-come/first-serve basis.

**How can further information about LIHEAP be obtained?**

Check your telephone book for listings under "community action agencies", or write to: LIHEAP, Iowa Department of Human Rights, Division of Community Action Agencies, Lucas State Office Building, Des Moines, Iowa 50319. Telephone: 515-281-4204 or 515-281-0859 - for hearing impaired with a telecommunication device for the deaf (TTD), call RELAY IOWA on their toll-free number 1-800-735-2942.

**1. INCOME ELIGIBILITY**

<u>POVERTY LEVEL</u>	<u>POINTS</u>
0 - 50%	7
51 - 80%	6
81 - 110%	5
111 - 150%	5
151% or over	Ineligible

**2. TARGETING FACTORS**

Fixed Income Only	1
Elderly	1
Disabled	1
Children under age 6 in household	1
Detached Dwelling	1
Subsidized Housing	-3
5-Plexes or More	-1
Heat Included in Rent	-3
Over \$15,000 in Savings	-2

**3. FUEL TYPE**

Natural Gas	4
Electric	4
Liquid Petroleum	5
Fuel Oil	5
Wood/Coal/Corn	2

**AWARD CALCULATION**

\$\_\_\_ per point determined by total funding and expected # of participating households

# **IOWA**

## **LOW-INCOME HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FFY 2006 FACTS & FIGURES**

- Iowa received \$52.05 million\* in federal Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) funds for FFY 2006. Additionally, \$2.85 million was provided in state general funds. 89,638 households were certified eligible and approved for benefits this year. This represents a 5% increase in the number of households applying over the previous year.
- 89,638 Iowa households (217,894 individuals) received heating assistance benefits to assist with a portion of their heating costs.
- The average statewide heating assistance benefit was \$451.
- 30.8% of households assisted by LIHEAP have an elderly household member.
- 91.3% of households assisted by the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program are NOT on welfare, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF).
- 45.4% of households assisted by LIHEAP have a disabled member.
- 24.81% of households assisted by LIHEAP have a child less than 6 years of age.
- 60.3% of LIHEAP households are below 100% of federal poverty guidelines.
- Benefits are targeted to vulnerable households with low incomes and high heating costs. Elderly, disabled, families with young children, and working poor (who often don't receive any other form of assistance) are also targeted groups.
- 72.7% heat with natural gas; 11.2% heat with liquid propane gas; 14.3% heat with electricity; 1.4% heat with fuel oil; 0.4% heat with wood/coal/other.
- 72.3% live in single family homes; 27.7% live in duplexes/apartments/mobile homes.

\* This amount does include \$15.3 million in Federal Emergency Contingency Funds

Source: Iowa Dept. of Human Rights/D.C.A.A. 515.281.0859

HF 2734.33

50 30 Sec. 33. LOW-INCOME HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM ==  
50 31 SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION.

50 32 1. There is appropriated from the general fund of the  
50 33 state to the ~~division of community action agencies of the~~  
50 34 ~~department of human rights~~ for the fiscal year beginning July  
50 35 1, 2005, and ending June 30, 2006, the following amount, or so  
51 1 much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purpose  
51 2 designated:

51 3 For supplementation of the appropriation made for the  
51 4 low-income home energy assistance program made in 2005 Iowa  
51 5 Acts, chapter 164, section 10:

51 6 ..... \$ 3,000,000

51 7 2. Of the moneys appropriated in this section, \$150,000  
51 8 shall not be expended in the fiscal year for which  
51 9 appropriated, but shall be transferred in the succeeding  
51 10 fiscal year to the department of human services to be used for  
51 11 the family development and self-sufficiency grant program.  
51 12 Notwithstanding section 8.33, moneys appropriated in this  
51 13 section that remain unencumbered or unobligated at the close  
51 14 of the fiscal year shall not revert but shall remain available  
51 15 for expenditure for the purposes designated until the close of  
51 16 the succeeding fiscal year.

51 17 ~~3. The legislative council is requested to authorize a~~  
51 18 ~~review of the low-income home energy assistance program and~~  
51 19 ~~weatherization program by the fiscal committee of the~~  
51 20 ~~legislative council or other body during the 2006 legislative~~  
51 21 ~~interim. The issues reviewed shall include but are not~~  
51 22 limited to financial assistance, the application and intake  
51 23 processes, and the community action agencies assessment and  
51 24 resolution proposal. The review shall also include involving  
51 25 the department of human services in the administration of the  
51 26 programs to enable low-income persons to access additional  
51 27 assistance programs through a single location.

HF 2238.10

## Sec. 10. LOW-INCOME HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE APPROPRIATIONS.

10 2 1. There is appropriated from the fund created by section  
 10 3 8.41 to the ~~division of community action agencies of the~~  
 10 4 ~~department of human rights~~ for the federal fiscal year  
 10 5 beginning October 1, 2006, and ending September 30, 2007, the  
 10 6 following amount:

10 7 ..... \$ 34,572,452

10 8 ~~The funds appropriated in this subsection are the funds~~  
 10 9 ~~anticipated to be received from the federal government for the~~  
 10 10 designated federal fiscal year under 42 U.S.C., chapter 94,  
 10 11 subchapter II, which provides for the low-income home energy  
 10 12 assistance block grants. The division of community action  
 10 13 agencies of the department of human rights shall expend the  
 10 14 funds appropriated in this subsection as provided in the  
 10 15 federal law making the funds available and in conformance with  
 10 16 chapter 17A.

10 17 2. Up to ~~15 percent~~ of the amount appropriated in this  
 10 18 section that is actually received shall be used for  
 10 19 residential ~~weatherization~~ or other related home repairs for  
 10 20 low-income households. Of this allocation amount, not more  
 10 21 than 10 percent may be used for administrative expenses.

10 22 3. After subtracting the allocation in subsection 2, ~~up to~~  
 10 23 ~~10 percent~~ of the remainder is allocated for ~~administrative~~  
 10 24 ~~expenses~~ of the low-income home energy assistance program of  
 10 25 which \$377,000 is allocated for administrative expenses of the  
 10 26 division. The costs of auditing the use and administration of  
 10 27 the portion of the appropriation in this section that is  
 10 28 retained by the state shall be paid from the amount allocated  
 10 29 in this subsection to the division. The auditor of state  
 10 30 shall bill the division for the audit costs.

10 31 4. The remainder of the appropriation in this section  
 10 32 following the allocations made in subsections 2 and 3, shall  
 10 33 be used to help eligible households as defined in 42 U.S.C.,  
 10 34 chapter 94, subchapter II, to meet home energy costs.

10 35 5. Not more than 10 percent of the amount appropriated in  
 11 1 this section that is actually received may be carried forward  
 11 2 for use in the succeeding federal fiscal year.

11 3 6. Expenditures for ~~assessment and resolution of energy~~  
 11 4 ~~problems~~ shall be ~~limited to 5 percent~~ of the amount  
 11 5 appropriated in this section that is actually received.